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Applicant : Augusto D. Hernandez et al. Art Unit : 2859
Serial No. : 10/656,881 Examiner : Richard A. Smith
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Title : STEP VOLTAGE REGULATOR POLYMER POSITION INDICATOR WITH
NON-LINEAR DRIVE MECHANISM

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed February 15, 2006, applicant elects the invention of Group I, drawn to claims 1-3. The election is made without traverse.

Applicant is submitting a preliminary amendment with this response. In the preliminary amendment, applicant has amended claims 4, 11, and 17 to depend from claim 1 and has added new claims 23 and 24 to depend from claim 1. Thus, it is believed that all pending claims (claims 1-24) are within the scope of Group I.

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Respectfully submitted,

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